

AN ECO GATHERING celebrating God's creation will take place on Saturday June 3 at Coleman's Hill Farm, Mickleton from 3 – 6 pm. A Keynote address will be given by Deborah Tomkins, Green Christians. See notice in Welcome Area for further details.

MANY THANKS from St Judes School in Arusha, Tanzania, for all the kind gifts you contributed for us to take last week. The school caters on two sites for 1800 children, most of whom have shown real promise but cannot pay fees. They were delighted to receive our three large suitcases of gifts and give us a tour round the school. Thanks again.
Martha and David Haslam

REFUGEES WELCOME Several local towns have such groups, in case refugees – either families or unaccompanied children - arrive there, or to encourage the County Council to offer places. If you are interested in helping to set one up in Evesham please contact Revd David Haslam.

ECO NEWS 8 is now available – thanks to Mark and Richard - please collect a copy from the Mission table by the servery, and if you don't have your Circuit Eco credit card a few are still available at the back of the Church.

Items for notices should be placed in the tartan box by 12 noon on the previous Wednesday or emailed to **all three** of the following by 12 noon on Thursday
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EVESHAM METHODIST CHURCH NOTICES

Ascension Sunday, 21 May 2017

10.30 am Rev David Haslam, All Age Worship

6.30 pm Circuit Service at Stratford, Rev Ian Howarth (see inside)

We welcome you to Worship today and especially welcome any visitors. We serve tea and coffee after the service in the Welcome Area. Do stay and meet together with us.

Sunday Club for school aged children and a crèche are usually available after the opening part of the service.



In your prayers this week please remember:

- those conducting worship throughout the Circuit.
- those who risk the perilous crossing from Libya
- the people of America.

Circuit Prayer from Henley O Lord, we mortals confined by nature to our worldly lives, yet feel drawn to Your eternal and heavenly reality. Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus shared our mortal existence, and we thank you for that perfect example. And so, having remembered Jesus' life, death and resurrection now we celebrate His ascension, worshipping this wonderful truth that a human, Jesus, is seated at the right hand of Almighty God. May this belief inspire us and all whom we meet as we go about our lives, to seek to follow the example of Jesus the perfect human. Amen.

The Welcome Area of our church is usually open for tea and coffee on:-
Monday–Thursday 10.30–12.30, Friday 11.00–12.30 and Saturday 10.30–12 noon.



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Week beginning 22.5.17

Monday	11.30 am	Messy Church Planning
Tuesday	9.45 am	Sunbeams
Wednesday	12 noon	Midweek Communion
AscensionDay	7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Thursday Group AGM Resources Meeting
Friday	10.30 am 7.30 pm	Shoppers' Service. Rev Audrey Simpson Choir Practice
Sunday	10.30 am 6.30 pm	Rev Stanley Weary Mr Rob Hopkins

FLOWERS this week were again given by Alan and Barbara Bees .

AUDREY MOORE Audrey and her husband Terry were regular attenders at our Evening Service, Audrey died last week and her funeral will be at Worcester Crematorium on 31 May at 12.15 pm. Please remember Terry in your prayers.

EASTER OFFERING DEDICATION SERVICE Today 6.30 pm at Stratford, Preacher: The Rev Ian Howarth, District Chair. Refreshments from 5.00pm

THE BIG SHIFT. This is a **Christian Aid** campaign to persuade the main banks to increase the financing of renewable energy, to stop using our money to finance the extraction and use of fossil fuels and to publish the carbon footprints of their investments and loans. If you would like to support this campaign as an appropriate addition to our Christian Aid week efforts, please sign the sheet on the Christian Aid display board.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH. Please note that if you wish to have lunch on Wednesday 17 May you will need to give your name to Sheila Weary 47267 or Mary Leedham 446101 by Sunday 14 May (today).

THE WELFORD LECTURES continue this year on the theme of Talking about God. They start at 4.00 pm and finish at 5.30 pm with a short tea break in the middle on the following dates:

Today Rev Professor Frances Young – Myth, Metaphor and Parable (at Welford).

4 June Rev Dr. Neil Richardson – Continuity from the Old Testament to the New. This meeting will be in **Bidford** Methodist Church.

11 June Ann Conway Jones - When Moses met God on Mount Sinai. (at Welford).

Further details on the notice board in the Welcome Area.

CHRISTIAN AID Many thanks to all who went out collecting Christian Aid Week envelopes last week - in not the best of weather - and to all of you who supported the Big Brekkie. Special thanks to Alan and Barbara Bees who kindly stepped in and collected in three roads. If there was a medal.... they'd receive it! Watch this space next week to see how we did!
Viv Jones.

CHURCH HANDBOOK Is being updated to reflect changes which have taken place during the past 12 months including the election of new Church Officers during the recent Annual Church Meeting. Will those of you responsible for any of our organisations please review the content of the present Handbook as regards your particular organisation and let me have any comments and revisions by Sunday 28th May.

John Teare

WELCOME PACKS. There is a supply of Welcome Packs in the rack in the Welcome Area which are intended for new people who wish to join us on a regular basis. These contain a copy of the current Circuit Plan, the Monthly Church Bulletin, the latest Church Magazine, a Church History Leaflet and a Church Handbook. These are all available separately on the tables at the back of the church or from the racks in the Welcome Area. If you require one of these and cannot find one, please ask and one will be found or printed specially for you. **Please do NOT tamper with the Welcome Packs and remove individual items from them.**
John Teare

THANK YOU to the small band of volunteers who turned up to help with various maintenance tasks at EMC last Saturday morning. As usual some jobs were completed, others partially so; however without this sort of voluntary effort the costs of maintaining the church premises would be much greater than currently.
On behalf of the Property Committee, thanks once again for your help. *Richard Ellis*

SUMMER LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP. On Sunday 11 June we are holding a Bring and Share lunch after morning service. Hopefully we shall be able to sit out on the terrace and enjoy good food and fellowship with those you only meet briefly from week to week. Rev Caroline Homan is preaching that morning and we are hoping that she will be able to join us for the lunch as will Rev Israel and Leela. Please sign the list in the Welcome Area if you are able to come and give some indication what you might bring.

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING Minutes of this meeting have been circulated to all those with a known email address. A paper copy is in the folder in the Welcome Area.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets next on Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm in the Welcome Area.